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Corps Orders by Lieut.-Col. A.  
Chapman, Y.D.

JOINED.

Private R. T. G. Murdoch joined the  
Corps on 10. 4. 16, is allotted Corps No.  
1990 and is posted to Scouts Company  
(No. 4 Section).  
Private R. E. Herbert joined the Corps  
on 10. 4. 16, is allotted Corps No. 1991  
and is posted to Scouts Company (No. 4  
Section).

LEAVE.

Private H. W. Peley is granted leave of  
absence from 17.4.16 to 30.10.16.  
Private C. B. Johnson is granted  
leave of absence from 17.4.16 to 10.6.16.  
Private A. L. Gace is granted leave of  
absence from 12.4.16 to 12.4.17.

RISE'S RANGERS.

This Range is allotted to H.M.S.  
"Tamar" (Seamen and Marines) and Naval  
Dockyard Police on the following dates:—  
April 12th and 13th—8 to 3.30 p.m. April  
14th—2.30 to 4 p.m. April 15th—10 a.m.  
to 1 p.m.

PARADES.

Parades for Wednesday, 12th inst.:—  
6.15 p.m. Civil Service Co.—O. C's.  
Inspection at Headquarters.

6.00 p.m. No. 1 Section Scouts Co.—  
Inspection of arms, ammunition, equipment  
and uniform at Headquarters. Dress, great  
coat (rolled), puttees, brown boots, cap, rifle,  
sidearms, bandolier, belt, four pouches,  
150 rounds ball ammunition, haversack  
and waterbottle. At this parade two shirts  
will be issued to each member of the  
Section. The following members of No. 2  
Section, who failed to attend on the 10th  
inst., will parade with No. 1 Section:—  
Ptes. Butler, Choeman, Smyth and E. G.  
Stewart.

Parades for Thursday, 13th inst.:—  
7 a.m. and 5.30 p.m.—Members of  
Signalling Section and other Signallers, as  
detailed in Signalling Section order, dated  
8.12.15—Morse flag and Morse lamp prac-  
tice at Headquarters.

6.15 p.m. Engineer Co. (Taikoo Sec-  
tion)—S.C.O.s drill at Taikoo Dockyard,  
under Sergt. Everest.

6.15 p.m. No. 4 Section Scouts Co.—  
Inspection of arms, ammunition, equip-  
ment and uniform at Headquarters. Dress  
etc.—khaki drill jacket and shorts, great  
coat (rolled), puttees, brown boots, cap,  
rifle, sidearms, bandolier, belt, four  
pouches, 150 rounds ball ammunition,  
haversack and waterbottle. At this parade  
two shirts will be issued to each member of  
the Section.

6.15 p.m. Recruits of all units (except  
Right Section M.G. Co.)—Squad drill and  
rifle exercises at Headquarters under  
Sergt. Major Higby.

SIGNALLING SECTION.

The Signalling Section (Classes A. and  
B.) will parade in future on Thursdays and  
Saturdays at 7 a.m. The Wednesday  
afternoon parade is cancelled until further  
notice. The special additional parades for  
classes B. and C. will continue as at  
present.

TEAM SHOOT, EASTER MONDAY.

The following members of the Corps are  
requested to attend practice at King's  
Park Range on the 15th inst. at 9.30 p.m.  
and 10th inst. at 9.30 a.m.:—Capt. W. M.  
Scott, Lt. J. D. Danby, Sergt. Bradbury  
and Sorby, Corp. Mann, 2/Cpl. Hill,  
Gunners Green and Heath, Ptes. Evans,  
B. I. Grant-Smith and N. L. Hallton,  
Rappers D. Lyle and Wallace.

DETAIL.

On duty until morning of 14th inst.—  
H.K.V.R.  
On duty 14th inst.—Scouts Company.  
Orderly Officer from 14th to 21st inst.—  
Lieut. Wright.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER  
RESERVES.

Major Wakeman, Commanding H.K.V.R.

DETAIL.

On duty till the morning of the 14th  
inst.—"A" Co. H.K.V.R. Orderly  
Officer—Lieut. Egan Jones.

PARADES FOR WEEK ENDING THE 15th INST.  
Recruits on the Cricket Ground on  
Wednesday the 12th inst. and Thursday  
the 13th inst. at 10 p.m.

Signalling Section at Volunteer Head-  
quarters on Wednesday the 12th inst. and  
Friday the 14th inst. at 5.15 p.m.

Machine Gun Section at Wellington  
Barracks on Thursday the 13th inst. at  
5.30 p.m.

N.O.'s class of instruction on Thursday  
the 13th inst. at 5.15 p.m. on the road  
outside the Law Courts.

"A" Co. on Friday the 14th inst. at  
5.15 p.m. on the road outside the Law  
Courts.

POSTING.

Sergt. J. M. McHutchon is posted to Co.  
"A" Platoon No. 2 as Platoon Sergeant.

Sgt. G. C. Moxon is placed in charge of  
the mounted section. Parades of the  
mounted Section will be held once a  
fortnight. Further orders will be issued.

Sgt. K. McManis is posted to Co. "B",  
Platoon No. 7 Section 12.

TRANSFER.

Pte. G. W. Barton, Co. "A" Platoon  
No. 1 Section 4, is transferred to Co. "D",  
4th Section, 1st Bn.

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Wednesday the 12th inst. at 3 p.m.  
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## INTIMATIONS

## THE ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the above Club will be held in the Club House, Happy Valley, on MONDAY, the 17th April, 1916 at 5.30 p.m. for the following purposes:

To receive the Report and Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1915.  
To elect the Officers and Committee for 1916.  
To transact any other business.  
By Order,  
T. W. HILL,  
Acting Hon. Secretary,  
Hongkong, April 7, 1916.

## CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE CO., LTD.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the China Traders' Insurance Company, Limited, will be held at the Head Office, No. 4, Connaught Road, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 18th day of April, 1916, at 12.30 p.m. for the purpose of considering, and, if thought fit, passing a Resolution that the Company be changed to the "British Traders Insurance Company, Limited." Should the above Resolution be passed by the requisite majority, it will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution to a Second Extraordinary General Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

Dated this Seventh day of April, 1916.  
By Order of the Board,  
C. MONTAGUE EDE,  
General Manager.

## CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE CO., LTD.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTEENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, No. 4, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 18th April, 1916, at 12.15 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the Directors together with the statements of account to 31st December, 1915, and of declaring Dividends &c.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 8th April to 18th April, both days inclusive.  
By Order of the Board,  
C. MONTAGUE EDE,  
General Manager.

## UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at its Head Office, No. 4, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 18th April, 1916, at 3 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the Directors together with the statements of account to 31st December, 1915, and of declaring Dividends &c.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 8th April to 18th April, both days inclusive.  
By Order of the Board,  
C. MONTAGUE EDE,  
General Manager.

## THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

## THE FORTY-SEVENTH MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS IN THE COMPANY.

will be held at the Company's Office, No. 3, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, on THURSDAY, 27th April, 1916, at 12 o'clock noon for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1915.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 27th April, both days inclusive.  
By Order of the Board of Directors,  
C. PEMBERTON,  
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## G. TISDALL, Manager.

Hongkong, March 30, 1916.

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## INTIMATIONS

## ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

THE POSTPONED LADIES DAY and presentation of prizes will take place at the Club House North Point on SATURDAY next April 15th, on which occasion the Commodore and Members of the Club will be at home to their friends from 3 to 6 p.m.

The presence of the Ladies is specially requested.  
T. A. LOUGHELIN,  
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, April 11, 1916.

## ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

## EARLY MORNING GOLF.

A BALL played on to any portion of the Sand-Traps, Grass-Traps, or in the Ditches on both sides of the said Tracks must be lifted and dropped in the fairway not nearer to the hole, under penalty of one stroke.

This Local Rule applies only to Early Morning Golf, and has been introduced to avoid annoyance to riders and ponies on the track.

Players are requested to keep their saddles off the rails when ponies are passing.

The above Local Rule is applicable to the Par Cup when competed for in the early morning.

By Order of THE COMMITTEE.

Hongkong, April 11, 1916.

## HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS CO., LTD.

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THE Company regrets that owing to the increased cost of materials, it is compelled to make the following alterations in its terms of business:

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The labour and materials used in fixing lighting fittings will also be charged to the customer.

GEORGE CURRY,  
Local Secretary.

Hongkong, April 1, 1916.

## FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT, MACAO.

## IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that on the 25th April next, at 3 p.m. in the office of the above Department, before the Committee referred to in Article 102 of the Decree of 21st November, 1908, and in the presence of the Director of the Naval Yard and Chief Engineer of the Naval Yard, public tenders will be received for the supply of coal to be used in the several public establishments of this province during the year 1916.

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## MR. LANDALE ON ENEMY TRADING.

## A SHANGHAI COMMENT.

We gave lately a summary of the remarks made by Mr. Landale at the annual meeting of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce, remarks which are being iterated and reiterated in hundreds of other Chambers throughout the allied world, for there is no doubt as to the strength of the determination that, in future, foreign lands under allied control, which formerly were a happy hunting ground for German traders, will in future know that no more. Mr. Landale gives some, but not all, of the reasons for this resolution. Germans, at least in the British dominions, were given as warm a welcome, and privileges practically as great as those granted to our own fish and blood. They abused these privileges: they played fast and loose with our hospitality, and in many ways, now too well-known to need repetition, they made themselves a nuisance to the authorities. Much of this we have only discovered since the war broke out. We have discovered far more than that. We have discovered the real nature of the control and direction which makes of the German soldier a savage and of the German sailor a pirate. We still prefer to believe that they have become these things only because of the twisted training and leading they have received, and that in their own nature they are no more inclined to be than we are ourselves. But we have to deal with facts: with the occurrences in Belgium, with the ruthless massacre of women and children there, and in France as well as in England, with the sinking of vessels without regard to non-combatant life, whether neutral or not, and last of all to the wilful destruction of a hospital ship, and with the ruthless massacre of the wounded before committing their abominable crime. A nation guilty of such things is not fit for the companionship of civilised people. Mr. Landale finds another ground for the exclusion of Germans in the fact that they aim, wherever possible, at a monopoly in trade, and that our best interests will be served by a judicious separation. How this can be achieved our many friends throughout the world have already shown us. There is no lack of examples, for we alone have hitherto carried out the principle of free trade and free intercourse. That we shall adapt our practice in future to our changed circumstances is sure, and needs no discussion whatever. Exactly what that practice will be remains to be seen, but the matter is, as Mr. Landale says, "reopening the attention of Chambers of Commerce throughout the Empire."

Some people think that if the Germans are turned out of the British Empire, they go elsewhere and do their business. Have these good people study the map? If not, they should, since all that is necessary to be asked in reply to their objection is the single question: Where? Granted the economic alliance looked for amongst the allies, and we ask once more, Where are the points of vantage on which the Hun is to fight when all allied doors are closed on him? Is it in the East? There will still have to compete with Americans as well as Allies. China? There again, it will find the same keen rivalry. There is no case of the allies but has suffered before the war and during the war from the efforts of German agents, German trickery, and German antagonism, all of which can be prevented in future by high-minded form of intercourse which lies in shutting the door. Perhaps Russia is being the greatest sufferer, though France

has been hard hit, and, so far as war is concerned, Belgium still more so. She too has had a broad hint at what her enemy hopes to get after the war, viz. a footing in Antwerp so to my eyes, as it were, in time to give the port and its trade into her hands. For this, she was prepared to pay an indemnity for war losses. Fortunately Belgium is not to be beguiled. A burnt child dreads the fire, and if her rulers by and by find themselves in a position to give effect to the wishes of their people, there will, in all probability, be no German face seen, nor German voice heard throughout the towns and cities of the country. That is the counsel of perfection now being urged, and were it to be carried out, we should have heard the last of trading with the enemy.—"Shanghai Mercury."

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## THE SO-CALLED "PEOPLE'S WILL."

## A COMMENT ON THE SECRET TELEGRAMS OF THE YUAN GOVERNMENT.

[BY CHANG CHI-CHAO.]

[Mr. Liang Chi-Chao is one of the most scholarly as well as one of the most prominent men of the Reform Party in China. He is best known as Kang Yu-wei's most prominent disciple. He had to fly for his life after the coup d'état of 1898, and thereafter resided in Japan, where he conducted a paper in Chinese devoted to the cause of reform. Like Kang Yu-wei, he was an advocate of a limited monarchy as preference to a Republic, but once that choice was made, he accepted it and has continued to be an ardent Republican ever since. A personal letter written by him to the President some months ago warning him against the monarchical movement should become a letter of no little historical importance. He has now written an exhaustive commentary on the recent political history of China which is being read with deep interest throughout China. We give to-day a first instalment, availing ourselves of an excellent translation which has appeared in the "Shanghai Mercury".]

In the proclamation of the Yunnan Military Government, charging Yuan Shih-kai with the crime of starting the monarchical movement, it is said that "the people's will has been deliberately misrepresented" by "inducements" and "threats." In reply to the charge Yuan, who has long used the Administrative Council (Tsun-cheng-yuan) as a tool, instigated it to declare that Yunnan had expressed its approval of the change in the form of government and had even submitted a petition nominating Yuan Shih-kai as emperor; and that Yunnan must have been coerced or induced by some one to change its attitude. On that Yuan Shih-kai should be so audacious, so shameless!

During the agitation for a change in the form of government the so-called discussion was not Yuan's own discussion, the so-called approval was not Yuan's own approval, the so-called petition was not Yuan's own petition, the so-called nomination was not Yuan's own nomination. So much is obvious to both Chinese and foreign observers. Nevertheless, Yuan flatters himself that the world can be easily imposed upon, and has artfully disguised everything even to this day.

Truly the secret telegrams, fifteen in all, from the Peking Government to the Military and Civil Governors of the provinces have been divulged. They bear the dates of sending and the names and seals of the senders. Photographic copies of the same have been circulated by the Yunnan Military Government. Such being the case, it is impossible for Yuan and his cabal to suppress them, even if they had ten thousand hands; not to plead "not guilty," even they had ten thousand mouths. I beseech my fellow-countrymen, young and old, and every member of the human race to open their eyes and see and close their eyes and think what wrongs have been done, what crimes have been perpetrated, and why the culprit continues to go about arrogantly in broad daylight without let or hindrance.

In support of my assertion I will point out the important points in the secret telegrams.

On 26th September, 1915, Sun Yu-chun wired:—

"A new method for obtaining the people's will has to be devised. The Military and Civil Governors and the Military Commandants of the provinces are requested to call an extraordinary meeting of the General Convention of the Citizens, in which each district is to be represented by one person to be selected from among the gentry or common people of the district who are residing in the provincial capital."

On 27th September the Society for the Preservation of Peace and the Provincial Delegations at Peking wired:—

"In order to clothe the proceedings with an appearance of regularity, the representatives of the districts, though they are really appointed by the highest military and civil officials of the province, should still be nominally elected by the districts. As soon as the representatives of the districts have been appointed their names should be communicated to the respective district magistrates, who are to be instructed to draw up the necessary documents in detail, and to cause a formal election to be held. Such documents should, however, be properly antedated."

A telegram from Tuan Chi-wei, dated 30th August reads:—

"The first step to be taken (in connection with the monarchical movement) has now to be decided. We propose that petitions be sent in the name of the citizens of the respective provinces to the Administrative Council acting in the capacity of Legislative Council. The drafts of the petitions will be made in Peking and sent to the provinces."

"Since this was written, other telegrams and documents have been brought to light."

Member of the Administrative Council and one of the leading members of the "Society for the Preservation of Peace," a monarchical society established at Peking with the connivance, if not the sanction, of Yuan Shih-kai.

wired to the respective provinces in due course. You will insert your name as well as those of the gentry and merchants of the provinces."

Now, who made use of the names of the citizens? The Government, of course, and that irrespective of any real consent on the part of those interested. Moreover, the citizens petitioning for a change in the form of government were not all appointed by the Military and Civil Governors and the Military Commandants of the provinces from among the officials in the provincial capitals. Are they then gentry or partisans? I leave my readers to answer.

Again, the text of the petitions from the provinces was drawn up by Tuan Chi-wei and nine others. Whose petitions then were they? Even the names of the Military and Civil Governors and those of the gentry and merchants in the twenty odd provinces were all inserted by the Peking Government. Is this the will of the people, the will of the officials, or the will of the would-be Emperor? I leave my readers to answer.

On 20th September, Chu Chi-chun, and others telegraphed as follows:—

"The Council (Administrative Council) is now discussing the proposal of organizing a general convention of the citizens to be held at the capitals of the respective provinces for the purpose of casting votes, so that the great national problem (meaning the restoration of the monarchy) may be decided at the earliest possible date. But while the plan of organization is determined by the Administrative Council, the carrying out of the ulterior object of such plan rests with the superintendents-in-charge of the election. They should therefore assume a controlling influence over the election proceedings and utilize them to the best advantage. The representatives of the citizens should be elected one for each district, and, wherever possible, from among the officials who are connected with the various government organs in the provincial capital, so that there may be no misunderstanding as to the real object of voting."

This telegram shows beyond a doubt that the representative organ of the citizens was entirely under the "controlling influence" of high officials and was "utilized" by them "to the best advantage." We should ponder over the meaning of the phrases, "controlling influence," "utilize," "to the best advantage," so that there may be no misunderstanding as to the real object of voting.

Besides, the citizens' representatives, we are told, were to be chosen from among those connected with the government organs in the provincial capitals. Are they then citizens or public servants? I leave my readers to answer.

On 7th October, Chu Chi-chun and nine others wired:—

"In the telegrams to be sent by the General Convention of the Citizens' Representatives for nominating the emperor, the following words should be specifically used:—We respectfully nominate the present President, Yuan Shih-kai as Emperor of the Chinese Empire." The telegrams investing the Administrative Council with great powers to act on behalf of the General Convention of the Citizens' Representatives should be despatched in the name of the General Convention of the Citizens of the Provinces. As for the telegrams to be sent by the commercial, military, and political bodies, they should bear as many signatures as possible. When the enthronement is promulgated by edict letters of congratulation from the General Convention of the Citizens' Representatives, as well as from the commercial, military, and political bodies, will also have to be sent in. You are therefore requested to draw up these letters in advance."

From this one can get a clear idea as to how the nomination of Yuan as emperor originated, how the Administrative Council came to be invested with general powers to act on behalf of the citizens' representatives, and how Peking came to be flooded with telegrams of nomination and letters of congratulation from all the provinces and from all classes of people. Is this the will of the people, the will of the officials or the will of the would-be Emperor? I leave my readers to answer.

A telegram from the National Convention Bureau dated 10th October reads:—

"Special attention should be paid to the qualifications of those who are to be elected at the primaries held in the districts in connection with the National Assembly, since it is from

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these candidates that the citizens' representatives will have to be selected.

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From this telegram we may know how the members of the General Convention of the Citizens' Representatives came to be "elected."

"Thoroughly understand our implied meaning and utilize the proceedings to suit our purpose." Select those who are "obsequious." "Judiciously assign their names to the several voters and request them to vote as directed." "Measures which are in effect coercive, though not so in appearance." "What do these phrases mean? And how many evils are implied in them? Were we electors in any wise free to elect whom they liked? Had the representatives any freedom of opinion? Has such an election ever been heard of in any country at any age?"

On 11th October, Chu Chi-chun and nine others sent a telegram:—

"When the electors of the districts have reported themselves at the provincial capital, a reception committee will be appointed or special deputies sent to meet them and to exchange views with them. The superintendents of election should then, under cover of inviting them to a social gathering or dinner party, request their presence at his official residence, and improve the occasion by expounding to them the fundamental principles of monarchical government as well as the general situation of China, and by making known to them the names of those who are to be elected. No stone should be left unturned in attaining the object of the election."

A telegram from Chu Chi-chun and nine others dated October 20th reads:—

"After the form of the state has been put to the vote, the nomination of Yuan Shih-kai as Emperor should be made forthwith without further voting. You should address the representatives and tell them that they should nominate Yuan Shih-kai as the Great Emperor of the Chinese Empire, and that if they are in favour of the proposal, they should signify their assent by standing up. This done, the text of the proposed letter of nomination from the citizens should be handed to the representatives for their signatures; after which you should again address them to the effect that in all matters concerning the nomination and the petition for immediate enthronement, they may, in the name of the citizens' representatives, invest the acting Legislative Council with general powers to act on their behalf. The text (already prepared) of the proposed telegram from the citizens' representatives to the acting Legislative Council should then be shown to the representatives for approval. As for the exact words to be inserted in the letter of nomination, they have been communicated to you in our telegram of the 23rd inst. These characters, forty-five in all, must on no account be altered."

Alas! Having copied the telegrams thus far, I fail to find words to express what is in my mind. If you will but read the text intelligently, you will understand why, out of the total number of one thousand seven hundred and odd votes, there was not one dissenting vote; you will understand why, after the form of government had been put to the vote, all the provinces, without a single exception, invested the Administrative Council with general powers to act on behalf of the citizens' representatives; and lastly you will understand why, in the letters of nomination from the provinces, the very same forty-five characters were used. Respectfully, I nominate the present President, Yuan Shih-kai as Emperor of the Chinese Empire. He is appointed by Heaven to ascend the Throne and to transmit it to all heirs for ten thousand generations. etc., etc.

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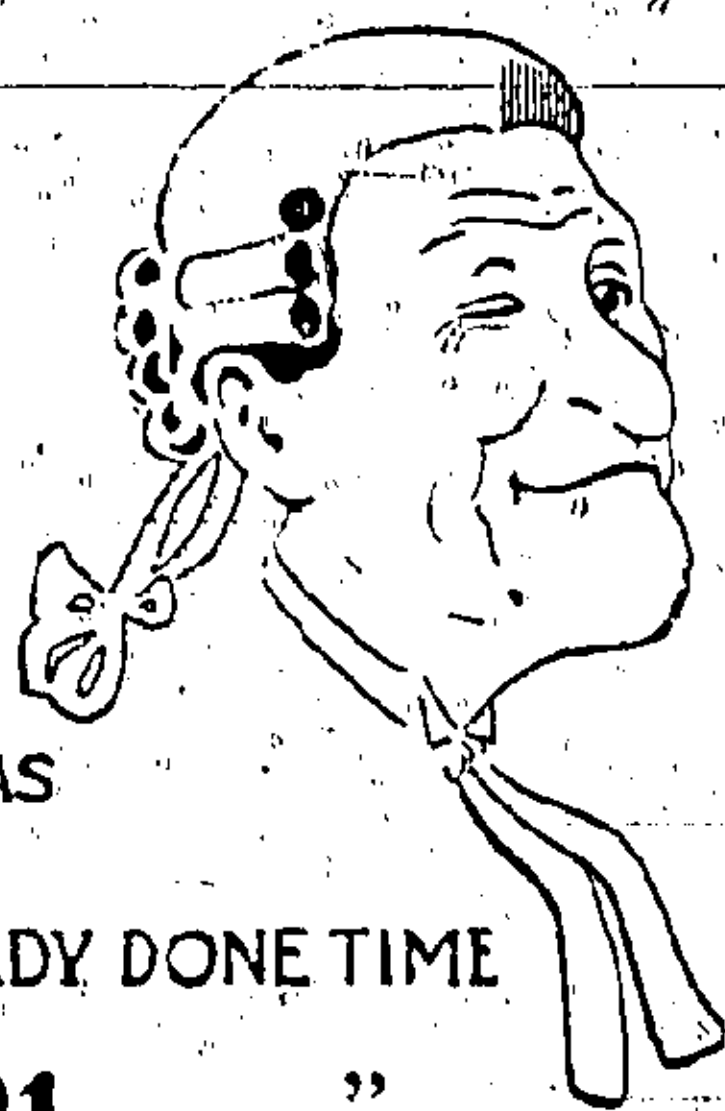
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## THE DIARY.

### MEMO. FOR TO-DAY.

8.30 p.m.—Social Gathering in the Lecture Hall, Union Church.

### MEMO. FOR TO-MORROW.

5.15 p.m.—Children's Theatrical Performance at Mt. Austin Theatre.

### General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, April 15.—10.45 a.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, etc. at Messrs. Hughes and Houghs.

3 p.m.—Ladies Day at the Royal H.K. Yacht Club.

3.15 p.m.—First Gymkhana of the Season.

9.15 p.m.—Children's Theatrical Performance at Mt. Austin Theatre.

SUNDAY, April 16.—Palm Sunday.

9 a.m.—Excursion to Macao by s.s. "Taichan".

MONDAY, April 17.—5.30 p.m.—Annual Meeting of the Royal H.K. Golf Club.

TUESDAY, April 18.—Noon.—Union Insee. Society's Meeting.

12.15 p.m.—China Traders Insee. Co's. Meeting.

1.07 p.m.—Full Moon.

WEDNESDAY, April 19.—12.30 p.m.—Luzon Sugar Refining Co's. Extraordinary Meeting.

THURSDAY, April 20.—Mandatory Thursday.

FRIDAY, April 21.—Good Friday.

Public Holiday.

9.15 p.m.—Sacred Music at St. John's Cathedral in aid of Charity.

SATURDAY, April 22.—Public Holiday.

SUNDAY, April 23.—Easter Day.

St. George's Day.

MONDAY, April 24.—Public Holiday.

THURSDAY, April 27.—Noon.—China Fire Insee. Co's. Meeting.

## VISITING CARDS

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HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, April 12, 1916.

### THE VERDUN FIGHT.

AFTER more than fifty days of fighting north of the fortress of Verdun the situation still remains a centre of anxious interest. Despite the appalling losses the Germans have suffered, and must necessarily suffer in their constant attacks on positions which are deemed by the French to be practically impregnable, they continue to hammer at the position, encouraged apparently beyond all reason by such successes as from time to time they have managed to achieve. They have made some progress it is true since they began this offensive, but their gains are out of all proportion to the heavy cost they have paid. Of course, the Berlin communiques have exaggerated the importance of these successes, and lied deliberately about the cost. The German public have been told that "extraordinary heavy" losses have been inflicted on the enemy, while the Germans themselves have suffered only "normal" losses. These statements are so entirely out of accord with all experience in the case of a force attacking in modern war a strongly fortified position that we cannot conceive that even the people of Germany seriously believe them. Six weeks ago Berlin was reported to be highly gratified at successes in this region which had "greatly surpassed the expectations entertained by the German people" and Major MORANT the leading military writer in Germany, was interested in the effect which the "considerable losses" would have on the French. He is probably to-day more interested in the heavy losses suffered by the Germans, for another six weeks, in the course of which many desperate efforts have been made by great masses of German troops to break through, find them still far from the goal of their ambition, and the French as confident as ever in their ability to successfully defend it, so confident indeed that the Military correspondent of the Times tells us to-day that they are quite content that the British should continue to hold up the thirty-four German Divisions on their front without attacking them. Looking at a picture map of the region it would appear that the Germans have reduced the distance which originally lay between them and Verdun by about one-half. It simply means that the French have retired from their advanced positions to the stronger lines of defence nearer the fortress and they have successfully held those lines against the heaviest onslaughts for the past six weeks, and are still confident of their ability to successfully defend them. The decision of the war does not, of course, hang upon the fate of Verdun. We shall still do well to remember that the fighting is in progress over a wide area, and that temporary successes or reverses may be won or sustained by both sides without greatly affecting the final issue. But the veriest tyro cannot fail to see

that the inconceivable prodigality with which Germany has been sacrificing the life of her army in the effort to take Verdun, leaves Germany in a greatly weakened condition to meet the coming supreme effort of the Allies.

### NEWS OF THE DAY.

#### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

According to a report by the Ministry of Interior, the population of the Peking City is 1,413,000.

A Social Gathering is to be held this evening at half-past eight in the Union Church Lecture Hall.

Through the kindness of Captain F. C. Jenkins, Deputy Superintendent of Police (Reserve) the Police Reserve Band will perform at the Children's Play at the Mount Austin Theatre to-morrow the 13th, and Saturday the 15th instant.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—

Sir Paul Chater C.M.G.	£50
W. Dickson	10
S. E. Green	10
C. H. G. Is	10
Ludlow	10
W. A. Dowley	5

An H.K.V.R. order says—The following absences without leave from the parade of "B" Co on Tuesday the 11th instant will parade with "A" Co on the road outside the Law Courts on Friday 14th inst. at 5.15 p.m., and will also attend recruits parade on the Cricket Ground on Monday the 17th inst. at 5.15 p.m. Dress: drill order.—Ptes. W. Anderson, M. W. Bishop, J. B. Thomson, J. Hutchings, W. W. Pearce, H. Griffith, H. O. Holt, J. M. Ramsay, R. Duncan, and A. Leon. Those who obtained leave of absence will parade with "A" Co on Friday the 14th instant—names are posted on the Notice Board at the Law Courts.

### HONGKONG ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN WAR WORKERS.

EXHIBITION OF WORK AT THE CITY HALL.

An exhibition of work done by the various organisations comprised in the Hongkong Association of Women War Workers, was held this morning at the City Hall where a large and varied display of work for hospital and other use, was on view.

The articles exhibited included flannel and cotton garments made by the women of the Colony under the direction of Mrs. Stubb, according to War Office models, which were set up on stands kindly lent by Messrs Wm. Powell & Co.; specimens of a variety of bandages made by a class under the direction of Mrs. Phillips, which has furnished not less than 36,000 bandages during the last six months; mosquito nets made under the direction of Mrs. Carmichael; and Woolton articles made under the direction of Mrs. Dowling. Altogether there was an excellent display of such articles.

Among those who visited the exhibition were H.E. the Governor and Lady May, who showed the deepest interest in the work; the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Mr. N. J. Spaul and Mr. G. T. Edkins, representing the War Charities Committee, which finances the activities of the Association; Dr. G. M. Hamilton and Dr. Edwards, Mr. Ho Fook, Lady Ho Tung, Lady Rees, Davies, Mr. Justice Gompertz, Miss Gorman (of the Government Civil Hospital), Miss James (Matilda Hospital), Miss Josephs (representing a Jewish Working Party), Miss Graham and others (representing a large Working Party at Kowloon Dock), Mrs. Green (representing the Little Bit Worker Society of Kowloon) and others who inspected the exhibits with great interest.

The Committee receiving the visitors consisted of Mrs. Stubb, Mrs. Gompertz, Mrs. R. C. Martin (secretary), Miss Edkins, Mrs. M. J. D. Stephens, Mrs. Pierpont, and Mrs. Stubb. Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Carmichael and Mrs. Dowling headed their respective classes.

### CLOSING SHARE QUOTATIONS.

	4 p.m.
Bank	\$750 ss. & s.
Index	129
Sugars	129 1/2
Ducks	128 1/2
Cement	20 b. x d.
Wharf	80 1/2
Shai Docks	82 ss.

### A PARENT'S DUTY.

YOUR boy is always getting scratched or cut or bruised. Because these wounds have no right to be, no right to be there. Get a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain-Expeller and see that every injury is cared for immediately. You can get nothing better, and blood poisoning is too dangerous a disease to risk. For sale by all Chemists and Druggists.

### CHIEKIANG DECLARES INDEPENDENCE.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

SHANGHAI, April 12.  
—Chiekiang Province has declared its independence.

(With Tsz Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, April 12.

Luang Chai Kwong, of Canton, has wired that he is willing to transfer the membership to Tam Hok' Hung (Superintendent of the West River Conservancy) and remain at Canton assisting in military affairs.

The Government intends to send the demands of Chai Ngok (Tutuh of Yunnan) to all the provinces and ask them to decide the question, and also request them to send in all communications that have passed between Chai Ngok and themselves.

Ngai Chi Chung, General of Anhui, will send all his 40 battalions to the front, and let his son train new troops for reinforcements.

The Communication Department has ordered the Telegraph Office to detain all telegrams for Canton.

The Cantonese in Peking use the name of the Cantonese Guild to request Yuan Shih Kai to abdicate.

Admiral Lau Koon Hung left for Fokien today.

### THE NEIGHBOURHOOD OF CANTON.

A telegram received by the "Wah Tsz Yat Po" from Canton this morning states that Luk Wing Ting, the Tutuh of Kwangsi, has started for Canton and has arrived at Wuchow. Everywhere in Canton quiet prevails at present.

A telegram from Shaker (Hongshan) states that fighting has been stopped by an arrangement effected between the two parties, who have issued pacificatory notices to the public.

Today's news from the Sam Chen district is that on the morning of the 10th inst. Chan King Ming's party of 300 strong came to attack the King Wai Kwan (Canton troops), a force only 200 strong. Both fought a torrent of rain from 11 a.m. to 3.50 p.m. Both sides suffered losses. It is reported that more than 40 Canton soldiers were killed and six Hun women were also killed by bullets. Fighting continued on the next morning, both sides suffering severely.

### THE SITUATION AT SWATOW.

The skipper of a merchant ship informs us that appearances in Swatow give the impression that soon there will be internal strife and trouble amongst the heads of the Revolutionary faction themselves.

An amusing story is told of a Hakka, a Cantonese, and a local man. The Hakka went to a native bank and drew \$15,000. The Cantonese also went to the same bank and also drew \$15,000; but he put a guard of armed men over the premises, which prevented the local man, who also desired to draw a big sum from the same institution, from obtaining access to the bank, which, even if it wished to, was unable to accommodate him.

Quiet reigns in Swatow for the time being. The U.S.S. "Wilmington" is now at Canton, the "Galveston" is at Swatow and the "Cincinnati" is at

### RICE CARGOES AND LAUNCHES COMMANDEERED.

A report was brought by passengers on the s.s. "Hengshan", which arrived from Canton yesterday, to the effect that when the ship was passing Lin Fa Hill (inland of the Tigris Fort) many cries of "save life" were heard. The Captain stopped the ship and ascertained that six junks were anchored near by. One man from the junks came over to the ship and reported that the six rice junks were conveying 20,000 piculs of rice from Hongkong on the 10th to Canton being towed by three steam launches—the Wing Fat, Yuet Fat and Ping Po. When they arrived near Lin Fa Hill a steam launch with about forty persons on board, all fully armed, came up and ordered them to stop at once. Many of the men came on board, stating that they were "National Defence" soldiers, and being in need of steam launches for urgent purposes they came to borrow the three which they reported they divided themselves into three parties; each took one launch and ordered the pilots to head for Shakt under full steam. The junks were ordered not to move. They said: "If we succeed, you will be very well paid; if not we shall need this rice." The "Hengshan" brought the man to Hongkong who reported the matter to the police.

### NOT A VAGRANT.

M. Seizure, whose appearance before the Court has now reached its 22nd time, was fined \$5 or seven days by Mr. J. R. Wood this morning for begging in Queen's Road. Surge Pitt gave evidence.

The Magistrate asked why he was not sent to the House of Detention; and Inspector McDonald said that in the last occasion defendants had 47 cents and now he had 43 cents so that he could be classed as a vagrant without means.

### JUDGING ONE'S CHARACTER.

This morning in the Police Court before Mr. Hazland a Chinese charged with being at a boarding house with the intention of committing a felony asked the Magistrate to call Reverend Officer Wildin to say something in his favour. To transport that defendant was an informer. Mr. Wildin said he knew defendant as well, but he could not give him good oral character; he believed in the action "set a thief to catch a thief."

### THE FRUIT SEASON.

BOWEL complaint is said to be prevalent during the fruit season. Be sure to keep a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy on hand. It may save a life. For sale by all Chemists and Druggists.

### MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CHILDREN IN THE ROAD.

The morning that the s.s. Chiyo Maru went aground at the Lamas, four persons connected with the Toyo Kisen Kaisha secured a motor car for the purpose of going to Taikeo Dock where they intended to board a launch going to the stranded liner. While the car was passing down Morrison Gap Road a child was run into by the motor car and shortly afterwards the child died from injuries received. The sequel was that the driver of the car was charged by Mr. Hazland at the Magistrate's morning with manslaughter.

The Hon. Mr. McI. Messer, Captain Superintendent of Police, for the prosecution said that while the evidence would not prove it, the inference was that the people in the car were in a hurry on account of the accident. The car contained the superintendent engineer of the ship, a Japanese and a Portuguese assistant. The car was engaged at 3.40 a.m. The deceased and another boy were walking along the road in the same direction as that in which the car was going. There was no warning; the car was going in a hurry and one of the pedestrians got into the gutter and another slipped out of the road to allow the car to go by. A plan would show that the car took 45 feet in which to stop. Ten miles an hour was the full speed in Victoria and there was a signal close by which, though it did not have the word "stop" upon it, indicated presumably something less than ten miles an hour. At a moment when a car was coming up behind there was generally confusion and the question of speed would be largely one of evidence. The plan would show it had 32 feet before it touched the child. The child's injuries were very severe, which would indicate a certain amount of speed. Experiments were made in the s.s. car with the Government's fire engine driver. The car was set at between 10 and 12 miles an hour and he was able to pull up in 15 feet. Taking that proportion of 15 feet and 45 feet he did not think the Magistrate would have any doubt but that the car was travelling more than ten miles an hour when the accident took place. There was plenty of time, he submitted, for the car to pull up if it had been going at the legal speed.

Mr. J. V. Erags, prosecution clerk in the employ of the T. K. K., said the child ran from one side of the road to the other and back again. As far as he remembered the horn was sounded before the signal was reached. Witness put the speed of the car at 12 miles.

Mr. Messer: The prosecution agrees it was twelve miles at the time of the collision.

Witness said the speed would be 12 miles before the brakes were applied. At the time of the collision, he could not say the speed. He declared there was no special hurry at all to get to the "Chiyo Maru."

Mr. Gardiner (defending) observed that if Chinese would send out their children without anybody to look after them they stood a good chance of being run over.

Mr. Messer: And if there are reckless motor drivers in the Colony.

Mr. Gardiner asked witness if in his opinion there was any criminal negligence on the part of the driver.

Witness answered in the negative.

Mr. Messer observed that if a man could not pull up his car in 15 yards when he saw a child of eight doubling about the road, he should be put before the Criminal Court.

The evidence of the other passengers was then called.

The Superintendent Engineer, a Japanese, said they were in a hurry to catch a launch at Taikeo.

### THE MAGISTRACY.

#### PICKPOCKET CAUGHT.

A pickpocket, who attempted to take a purse from a fellow countryman while he was looking at a stall in Des Vaux Road, was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour and four hours' stocks this morning. Complainant caught hold of the man's hand and held it until a policeman arrived.

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The evidence against defendant was that he was seen at the boarding house searching a man's clothing. Witness questioned he said he had gone there to look for Mr. McI. Messer, but he came forward and gave evidence, but defendant said that was not true. He was looking for Mr. Wildin.

The Magistrate ordered defendant to be charged.

### SPORTING.

#### ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

#### VISITORS' CUP.

The "Edgely" Competition for the Visitors' Cup played at Failing during the months of February and March resulted in a win for Lieutenant F. Kinnin Smith. The best cards returned are as follows, half handicaps deducted from the Edgely 1916:—

Lieut. F. Kinnin Smith	65	8	89
Mr. E. G. Holland	73	8	81
Mr. F. M. Holland	77	12	85
Mr. E. B. Road	78	9	87
Capt. C. Campbell	83	8	91
Mr. H. P. Winalow	72	8	80
Mr. R. Carmichael	74	8	82
Mr. S. H. D. Well	69	2	71
Mr. C. H. Soper	73	8	81
Mr. A. E. Campbell	78	9	87
Mr. H. I. Jones	78	7	85
Hon. Mr. A. M. Thomson	74	8	82
Mr. A. B. Raworth	75	8	83

The Entrance fees totalled \$273.00, a cheque for which amount has been sent to the Hon. Treasurer of the War Charities Fund.

#### RAILWAY CUP.

The semi-final of the above competition resulted as follows:—

Mrs Crawford beat Mrs. Maitland by 1 up.

Miss Rodger, Mrs. Davison, 2 down.

#### DEEP WATER BAY MIXED FOUR-SOME BOGEY COMPETITION.

#### RESULT.

Winner of First Prize:—

Mrs J. Rodger and Mr. J. D.

Kinnaird, 1 down.

For Second and Third Prizes:—

Miss Wilson and Mr. Lampman, 2 down.

Other Results:—

Mr. and Mrs. Carleton, 3 down.

Mr. and Mrs. Davison, 3

Mrs. McKenny and Mr. Tanner, 4

Mrs. Butler and Mr. S. H.

Dodwell, 4

Miss Gordon and Mr. T. A.

Loughlin, 5

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher, 5

Mrs. Taylor and Mr. E. M. Com-

ming, 5

Mrs. Griffin and Mr. J. Rodger

(Junior), 6

Miss Lamont and Mr. Mitchell, 6

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. C. Bonnar, 6

Mrs. Hay and Mr. R. Sutherland, 7

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, 7

Miss Edkins and Mr. Edkins, 7

Miss Crawford and Mr. S. R.

Aitken, 8

Mrs. Arthur and Mr. F. Beverton, 9

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ha-

cock, 9

Mr. and Mrs. Graves, 10

Miss Robertson and Mr. Thomas, 10

54 Couples competed.

Hongkong, 11th April, 1916.

### TENNIS.

#### PROFESSIONAL PAIRS SEMI-FINAL.

The surface of the turf was quite slippery and against hard play last evening when Cooper-Hunt and Hammond opposed Crisp and Hamilton in the Professional Pairs semi-final. Hunt and Hammond opened out vigorously and had matters very much their own way. Cooper-Hunt was noticeably over straining while Crisp and Hamilton were busily busied themselves with slashing and hard volleys gave Cooper-Hunt and Hammond the first set by a margin of two games. Crisp and Hamilton developed their tactics and when quite at home repeatedly beat their opponents on place work and strategy. Cooper-Hunt lost many valuable points during his services by running up to the net, leaving the base line clear. Sporty lobs from Crisp and Hamilton met with continual success. Playing in their accustomed methodical style, the latter pair won the succeeding sets by 6-3 and 6-4.

#### TO-DAY'S MATCH.

To-day Hugh A. Nisbet will meet N. Sze Kwong in the Semi-final of the Open Championship singles at 1.30 p.m.



# THE WAR.

## TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail).

### LIQUID FIRE AT VERDUN.

#### DESPERATE GERMAN OFFENSIVE.

Paris, April 11.

The German offensive continues at Verdun.

A communiqué states that the Germans at dusk yesterday attacked Deadman Hill accompanied by liquid fire.

The attack, which detached from Crows Wood, was repulsed by curtain fire and infantry fire, except to the east where the enemy gained a footing in some small portions of trenches.

East of the Meuse the Germans attempted in the course of the night to drive us out of the trenches taken by us these last few days southward of Doncourt.

This attempt, which was also accompanied by sprays of liquid fire, sustained a bloody defeat.

Violent bombardment is again raging in the Douaumont-Vaux region and some hurricane artillery fire in Woëvre, where we brought down a German aeroplane at Badonvillers. Both aviators were killed.

#### GERMAN DEFECTION.

Paris, April 11.

The French evacuation of the Bethincourt salient led the Germans to think that their chance had at length come to break through. Consequently, they resorted to attacks in masses in broad daylight (which they had abandoned since their disastrous losses early in the battle), thus giving the French artillery a splendid chance of which they fully profited. Each of the three attacks made with forces of two Army Corps failed dismally.

#### THE GERMAN ARMIES ATTACKING VERDUN.

#### BRITISH INACTIVITY EXPLAINED.

London, April 11.

The Times Military Correspondent discloses the distribution of the German armies attacking Verdun.

Eight and a half divisions are engaged on the left of the Meuse, and twenty-two on the right bank. Only two Reserve divisions are available, all the others having been drawn into the fight and severely mauled.

Twelve divisions have been taken out of the line, patched up, and sent up again.

The central fact of the situation is that the Germans are unable to conduct an offensive on the whole Western front. They have two strong groups of forces at Verdun and north of the Somme respectively. The rest of the front is lightly held.

It is undoubtedly that the position causes deep anxiety to the German command.

Possibly serious events are impending on the British front as the Germans may be tempted to desperate action by our inactivity. The French are confident of their ability to deal with the attacks at Verdun, and are quite content that the British should hold up 34 German divisions on their front without attacking them.

#### THE WAR'S REQUIREMENTS IN MEN.

London, April 11.

The Times understands that the Chief of the General Staff and the Military Members of the Army Council have furnished to the Cabinet a very plain statement of their immediate requirements in men.

The Sub-Committee of the Cabinet, which is investigating the recruiting, consists of Mr. Asquith, Mr. McKenna and Mr. Chamberlain. It is hoped that their findings will be available at the end of the week. The Cabinet's decision will probably be taken on the 17th inst. and there will be a debate on the 18th inst. No crisis is now anticipated, though as a result of the meeting of the Unionist War Committee to-day, Sir Edward Carson will probably give notice of a motion in favour of general conscription.

### MR. ASQUITH AND THE GERMAN CHANCELLOR.

London, April 11.

Mr. Asquith, presiding at a banquet given in honour of the French Parliamentary representatives, said that the relations between France and Great Britain, long established on durable foundations, had become relations of intimacy and affection through the test of war.

Germany, he said, wanted us to assume the attitude of a defeated adversary, but "we are not defeated, and are not going to be defeated," the Prime Minister said.

It was impossible for cynicism to go further than Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg's insistence that Germany would give the various races a chance of free evolution. After referring to the colossal failure of the twenty years' attempt to Germanise Poland, and the brutal treatment of Belgium, Mr. Asquith said that the Allies were determined to see once again the old Belgium. She must not be allowed to suffer permanently the wanton and wicked invasion of her freedom. What was broken down must be repaired and restored. (Cheers.)

The Allies were prepared to justify the legality of the blockade, which was carried out with the strictest regard for humanity. Not a single neutral life had been lost as a result of the blockade. The Allies were fighting with clean hands and a clear conscience, and were confident in their power to vindicate the liberties of Europe.

The terms on which they were prepared to conclude peace were the accomplishment of the purposes for which they took up arms. "The purposes of the Allies," he added, "is to pave the way for an international system for securing equal rights for all civilised states. The military caste can no longer be allowed to interfere with the settlement of international problems."

#### SUBMARINE PIRACY.

London, April 11.

The following steamers have been sunk: *Maryann Abbey* (British), *San Tadeo* (Spanish) and *Caledonia* (Danish).

Four of the Spanish vessel's crew were drowned.

#### ASSURANCES TO HOLLAND.

Amsterdam, April 11.

France has assured Holland that neither France nor any of her Allies ever intended to violate the neutrality or territory of the Netherlands.

#### ALLIED MUNITIONS CONFERENCE.

London, April 11.

An Allied Munitions Conference in Rome in May is probable. Mr. Lloyd George hopes to attend it.

#### BRITISH ARMY APPOINTMENTS.

London, April 11.

The Gazette contains the following appointments:

Raja Sir Baldo Singh of Poona, honorary Major.  
Captain C. R. Bradley, 4th Cavalry, and Captain J. A. Chamber, 33rd Punjab, Squadron Commanders, temporary Majors in the Flying Corps.  
Captain W. Rainsford Hannay, 58th Sikhs, balloon officer.  
Major W. A. Featherston-Haugh, Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster-General, temporary Lieut.-Colonel.  
Captain A. H. Jukes, 9th Chirkas, Brigade-Major.

#### A BYE-ELECTION.

London, April 11.

The Wimbledon Conservative Association has adopted Sir Stuart Cooze as candidate in succession to Mr. Chaplin (who has been elevated to the Peerage). "Probably" Mr. Atkinson "Married Men's" candidate will be run in opposition.

### BRITISH FINANCE BILL PASSED.

London, April 11.

The House of Commons passed the second reading of the Finance Bill unanimously.

The Government intimated that it is prepared to modify the railway ticket and match taxes to meet objections.

### BRITISH PHARMACEUTICAL CONFERENCE.

London, April 11.

Dr. David Hooper, ex-Curator of the Indian Museum at Calcutta, has been elected President of the British Pharmaceutical Conference.

### EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

#### THE VERDUN BATTLE.

FIFTIETH DAY.

Paris, April 10.

A renewed German offensive on the fiftieth day of the battle of Verdun is the feature of the communiqué. The bombardment has continued violently at night, being especially directed at Deadman Hill. The communiqué also confirms the important German losses last night at Deadman Hill, when the most violent attacks were repulsed, especially at dusk. The Germans were only able to penetrate 500 yards of the first line trench at Hill 295. The French made numbers of prisoners.

There was a sharp night struggle east of the Meuse in a little wood eastward of Vacher-aux-Bois. We progressed southwards of Doncourt. There was a bombardment of the villages at the foot of the Meuse hills.

The communiqué concludes: "Yesterday's operations at Verdun saw the first attempt at a German general offensive, on a front exceeding twenty kilometres. The Germans had no appreciable results, especially in view of their tremendous efforts and the losses sustained, to which the bodies heaped in front of our lines testify."

#### DESPERATE GERMAN EFFORTS.

EVERYWHERE REPULSED.

Paris, April 11.

To-day's communiqué states: "West of the Meuse the bombardment has continued with growing intensity. The Germans, at mid-day, from the Hancourt and Bethincourt region, attacked our position south of the Forges Brook. Notwithstanding the violence of the assaults, which were most costly to the enemy, our line as a whole was unmoved. Attempts to attack our positions at Mort Homme and Cumières, following an intense artillery preparation, were stopped by our curtain of fire. The enemy east of the Meuse violently bombarded Poivre Hill and made several attacks at the end of the day on our position at Caillotte Wood, which were everywhere repulsed. There has been great artillery activity in Woëvre, but comparative calm on the rest of the front. A French pilot fell a Fokker during an air fight in the region of Verdun on the 8th. Another Fokker was killed by anti-aircraft guns in Woëvre on the 9th. A third Fokker landed in our lines in Champagne. The machine was intact and the pilot was captured. A German aeroplane yesterday bombed Nancy doing only slight damage."

### FRANCO-BRITISH PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE.

#### FRENCH LEGISLATORS WELCOMED BY THE KING.

London, April 10.

The first Franco-British Parliamentary Conference has been held in London.

His Majesty the King made a stirring address to the members at Buckingham Palace, welcoming in French, the legislators of a great Republic to which they rejoiced to be united by an intimate alliance and mutual confidence, "an alliance destined, as I trust, to be perpetual." His Majesty dwelt on the valuable work of the French legislators, and emphasised that the visit was an expression of the friendship which was binding the two nations together.

#### MESOPOTAMIA CAMPAIGN.

#### FLOODS HAMPERING OPERATIONS.

London, April 10.

General Lake reports that General Goring's preparations for an attack on Sannay Yat are well advanced. Although floods have curtailed the frontage on which the attack can be delivered it has been fine for the last two days, and the river has not risen since the 7th.

A later message states that General Lake reports that an attack was made on the Sannay Yat positions at dawn yesterday, but it failed to get through the enemy's lines. The operations were much hampered by the floods, which are extending.

#### SUCCESSFUL BRITISH OPERATIONS AT ST. ELOI.

London, April 10.

A British communiqué states: "Last night we attacked and captured at St. Eloi the main crater, which remained in German hands. A further attack established us in the enemy trenches running south-west from the crater. There has been artillery and machine gun activity to-day."

### GERMAN TRENCHES ON DYINA FRONT FLOODED.

Petrograd, April 11.

A communiqué states: "The German attempts to pump water out of their flooded trenches on the Dyina front were everywhere prevented by the Russian fire. The Germans south-west of Pinsk approached the Russian positions in boats, but were driven off. The Russians captured a trench on the Lower Strya. RUSSIANS REPUSE HORDES OF KURDS."

Despite the deep snow and numerous crossings in the Caucasus the Russians continue to advance in the direction of Diarbekr. They repulsed several attacks in the Bitlis region, and fought hordes of Kurds, who were supported by Turkish infantry, south of Lake Urmiah.

### SHIPPING NOTES.

Leading shipbuilding firms on the Tyne and the Clyde are, it is understood, estimating for one or more steamers of about 3000 ft. in length for the Peninsula and Oriental Steam Navigation Company. The vessels have to be of the most modern type, and suitable for the special requirements of the P. and O. service.

A Yokohama firm has tripe-chartered the s.s. "Kyo Maru," 5060 d.w. tons, for the trans-Pacific service at the rate of \$120.50 net per ton dead-weight capacity. The Nihon Kisen Kaisha's (Dairen) new steamer "Osaka Maru No. 2," 5,000 d.w. tons, to be launched very shortly, has been chartered by the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha at the stiff rate of \$18.70 per d.w. ton.

Messrs. Iwaki & Co., Settsu (Tainan), have sold their steamer "Taigo Maru," 2,457 tons, to the Shinan Steamship Co., Dairen, at the price of \$300,000. Another of the Company's vessels, the "Awa Maru," will be disposed of shortly. Messrs. "Tatsuma & Co." s.s. "Kalepo Maru" was recently brought under the hammer at Kobe. The highest bid was \$345,000, which fell far short of the appraised value of \$1,400,000, and was consequently not accepted.

According to telegraphic intelligence received in Japan, the U.S. Government has presented to the Federal Congress now in session the following bill, which is expected to be adopted without discussion: "All vessels of the U.S. registry shall hereafter be prohibited from being sold to foreigners or foreign companies and/or being transferred to a foreign register without the permission of the U.S. Government." Almost all the European countries, Belgium, France, and neutrals, have prohibited by law the sale or transfer of vessels to foreign buyers.

Japanese vessels under 500 tons gross are prohibited by law from sailing out of the sphere of navigation extending from 130deg. 170deg. E.L. 21deg. 51deg. N.L., that is, beyond Kamakata on the north and Hongkong on the south. Owing, however, to scarcity of vessels, coupled with the unusually brisk trade with the South Sea Islands, the Trading Ship Owners' Union of Japan have applied to the Communications Department, Tokyo, for the extension of the above sphere, so as to enable 500 tons vessels to proceed as far south as Singapore, Java, Sumatra, Celebes, Borneo, Manila, etc. The above application is likely to be sanctioned shortly.

### CHEERY MESSAGES FROM RUT.

#### KITCHEN GARDENING BY THE GARRISON.

GRAMOPHONE NEEDLE SHORTAGE.

The following from Edmund Candler appeared in the Daily News of February 26th:—

Basra, Feb. 21.

The last month has been one of a certain amount of peace, with sniping at night and artillery fire by day. That of the enemy has been very ineffectual. We have thrown forward our trenches within 600 yards of the Turkish position. On clear days we can hear the guns of Kut.

Cheery messages come through from General Townshend. He is sowing vegetable seeds, and has asked for gramophone needles. These and other light requisites are dropped in his camp by aeroplane. He reports sufficient supplies for a long period to come.

His division, through the last fifteen months of arduous campaign, has come to be regarded as invincible, both in our force and, it seems, among the Turks, who have long ceased futile and costly attacks on his position. What is more important, this belief is shared by his troops themselves, who have never yet been beaten. They are in splendid fettle, and inspired with supreme confidence in his leadership. Settled weather, with warm days and fresh nights, has followed the rain. The mud has dried and the snow is melting on the Panhi-Kos. The Tigris at present is low, but the flood season is soon due (at the time of the melting snow in the north), when it will be difficult for the Turks and the British alike to find camping ground unobscured.

The troops' health and spirits are excellent. The news of the fall of Erzerum was received here with great satisfaction, and celebrated by a fire at the Turkish trenches from every gun.

### BOWEL COMPLAINT IN CHILDREN.

DURING the summer months children are subject to attacks of the bowel complaint, and should receive the most careful attention. As soon as any natural looseness of the bowels is noticed, Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy should be given. It is sold by all Chemists and Grocers.

### MILITARY CONTRIBUTION OF STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

#### PATRIOTIC CONCESSION TO HOME GOVERNMENT.

The Acting Colonial Secretary, in moving at a meeting of the Legislative Council at Singapore last week that the Council resolves that the sums \$4,258,115, \$4,101,115, and \$4,101,115 be allocated by the Military Contribution paid by the Colony for the years 1914-1915 and 1915-1916, respectively, towards the cost of the garrison during these periods to be recovered from His Majesty's Government, said that the Military Contribution was a subject that had often and long been discussed in the Council. The Island of Singapore was a point of strategic importance in the British Empire, and the present arrangement was that made by the Defence Contribution Ordinance, of 1893, the Colonial Government paid 10 per cent of the revenue of the Colony towards the Imperial funds for its defence. In ordinary years the cost of the military forces stationed in Singapore exceeded the amount of the Colony's contribution, but the financial statement recently received from the Army Council showed that in respect of the financial year, from April, 1913, to March 31, 1914, that is to say before the outbreak of war, the cost of the garrison was \$288,563, and the Colony's contribution was \$2,338,470.81, the equivalent of \$272,631 11s. 5d., there thus being an excess to the extent of \$4,258,115 11s. 5d. In respect of the financial year from April 1, 1914, to March 31, 1915, the cost of the garrison fell to \$218,743 and the expansion of the Colonial revenue swelled the contribution to \$283,606 17s. 8d., in local currency \$2,817,144.75, thus causing an excess over the actual cost of the garrison of \$211,938 17s. 9d. The fall in the cost of the garrison was, of course, due to the war. That gallant regiment, the R.O.Y. L.I., was withdrawn in September, 1914, and no British troops replaced them until February, 1915. Apart from the war, the cost of the garrison, owing to the financial relief of the Indian regiment, would probably be somewhat heavier than in the preceding year and the excess contribution would have been about \$21,000 instead of what it actually was—a little over \$111,000. "We, in this Colony," he concluded, "are, owing to the war, carrying a heavier burden than they carried in peace time. This Council may perhaps consider that this Colony should not take advantage of a temporary redistribution of His Majesty's forces in connection with the war, especially as that redistribution is merely an incident in the war and it is for that reason that I now ask this Council for permission to bring forward the motion standing in my name."

The Treasurer seconded the motion. Sir Evelyn Ellis: Sir, I desire to support the motion that has been brought forward by the Acting Colonial Secretary, and I am glad to say that the Colony is in a position to be able to give us this quite handsome figure without feeling any undue strain. At the same time, I should have still been disposed to support the Acting Colonial Secretary's motion if it had been a strain. All I am anxious to see is that every part of the Empire should do what it can to help the mother country, and I hope that other portions of the Empire will not continue to sneer at this Colony, as they have done in the past. They do not realise what this war has meant to this Colony in the way of expenditure by Government. They do not take into account the fact that the amount of money that has been spent—and which I earnestly hope, and think too, the Imperial Government will never be asked to refund—far exceeds the sum we are now dealing with, and I only wish that that was realised by people outside of the Colony. It is realised by people in the Colony, and I think that if other people only realised what was done and has been done by this Colony, they would cease to brag about things that they have done and which were done in a very dramatic fashion. (Applause.)

The motion was agreed to.

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5. Shouldst thou hear of losses, do not exaggerate them.
6. Honour the noble bread, and be not wasteful of it.
7. If thou hast riches in abundance, store it not in safes.
8. Do thy work in thy calling, and thus serve the Fatherland.
9. Be ready to bear every sacrifice without murmuring and bear your lot with dignity.
10. When peace comes do not forget what thou has learnt in war.

### To-day's Advertisements

#### HONGKONG GYMKHANA CLUB.

THE FIRST GYMKHANA MEETING OF THE SEASON will be held at HONGKONG on SATURDAY, the 15th April, 1916, commencing at 3.15 p.m. The Charge of Admission will be \$1.00 for others than Members of the Hongkong Jockey Club or GYMKHANA CLUB. Soldiers and Sailors in uniform: Half Price. Commenced invite the Ladies of Hongkong to be present. Hongkong, April 12, 1916. 634

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## GERMANS IN THE SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL BAND.

### A PETITION TO THE COUNCIL.

The following petition is being circulated to the Ratepayers of Shanghai:

GERMAN AND AUSTRIAN BANDSMEN.

At the Ratepayers' Meeting, Mr. White, Mayor, made a statement to the effect that the Council felt they should renew the agreements of any German or Austrian bandsmen if they had done their duty properly. But this seems to be only part of the question: it, owing to the nationality, the bandsmen's services have ceased to be acceptable to the majority of the ratepayers, renewal of their agreement surely cannot be justified. Nine-tenths of the foreign community here are subjects of the Allied Nations; that should be sufficient indication as to the acceptability or not of enemy musicians.

Have the actions of the Central Powers and their way over their subjects for all kinds of evil-doings caused us any bandsmen here, or is not the feeling against having such bandsmen, a much more lasting one?

Mr. White's answer also referred to considerations of neutrality as having governed the Council in continuing to employ German and Austrian bandsmen. But, if the ratepayers were to be guided by a neutral principle in this matter, should they not require that the band's performances, at least during war time, be given by neutrals? The band would thus be available for purposes for which it is understood it now refuses to be employed.

If the band is constituted as at present, few, if any, of the ratepayers of the Allied Nations will be disposed to attend the outdoor band concerts to be held in the forthcoming warm weather, and it might with justice be asked, for whose benefit are these concerts arranged, the majority, or the minority?

The vote at the Ratepayers' Meeting, taken when most of the ratepayers had left the Hall, did not test the general feeling as to whether, in the performances of the band, German and Austrian bandsmen are acceptable or not. It is thought that a clear indication to the Council on this point is now called for, and it is suggested that Allied Ratepayers will kindly sign and return the attached form, as promptly as possible.

To  
**E. W. NOEL,**  
(Proposer of Amendment at Ratepayers' Meeting.)

Or to  
**H. G. SIMMS,**  
(Seconder of Amendment at Ratepayers' Meeting.)

I, the undersigned, a Ratepayer of the Eastern Settlement, Shanghai, hereby state that the Public Band is not acceptable to me, because of its German and Austrian members, and that I desire the Council to take steps forthwith to make the band acceptable to the majority of the Ratepayers, by arranging that such members will take no further part in its performances.

Signature.....  
Address.....  
Holding.....Votes.....  
Date.....

If ratepayers fail to receive a copy of the above, cut out the last paragraph, sign, and send either to Mr. Noel or Mr. Simms.

The "Times" understands that there is no foundation for the statement that the Prices of Wares has been initiated a Freeman. No member of the Royal Family has joined the craft since 1912, when Prince Arthur of Connaught, son of the Grand Master of English Freemasons, was initiated in the Royal Alpha Lodge, his Royal Highness now being Past Senior Grand Warden of the United Grand Lodge of England.

## "HEADMAN OF THE COSSACKS."

The announcement that the Tsar's honor for the Grand Duke Nicholas, of Etrem, is the title "Headman of the Cossacks" will lend additional interest to the achievements in the war of Russia's frontiersmen. In this country, writes a London correspondent, are familiar with the Grand Duke's historic position through Byron's story of Mazeppa, who was the Cossacks' headman or chief magistrate. The numerous plays and works of fiction which have been written around Mazeppa mostly depict him as a hero of romance or a victim of tyranny. The truth about Mazeppa is that he deserted his master Peter the Great, joined Charles XII. of Sweden, and after the defeat of Poltava fled to Turkey with 1,300 Cossacks, the remnant of his original 80,000. But the Cossacks of Mazeppa and of medieval Russia were a different order of soldiery from those who will acclaim the "Grand Duke" as their latest and greatest "headman." The earlier Cossacks were freebooters and barbarians. The Cossacks as modern Europe knows them rallied to the Tsar against the tyranny of Napoleon. Then they became the people's liberators, and as such their headman, Platov, was joyfully welcomed in London when he came here with the Tsar and Allied Sovereigns shortly before the battle of Waterloo.

GRAND DUKE'S LIBERALISM.

At least on one previous occasion it was made clear to the world that the Grand Duke added to his military qualities those of one of the most liberal-minded statesmen throughout the Tsar's dominions. Upon his first invasion of Austria Poland it will be remembered he issued a solemn proclamation to all the Poles, assuring them of the constitutional autonomy of the reunited Poland which it was proposed to set up after the war under the Tsar's reign.

Now, following upon the victory of his Cossack troops at Etrem, the Grand Duke as Victor of the Caucasus, has, I hear, petitioned the Imperial Government to grant constitutional privileges and provincial autonomy to the Caucasian people after the manner of the authority exercised in the central parts of the Russian Empire by the local assemblies or parliaments known as the Zemstvos.

The Grand Duke, indeed, in this by the splendid rally to the Tsar's banner of Caucasians of all races and creeds hopes that the scheme of reform should be settled without delay by a special plenipotentiary commission, and pledges himself to see that it is given effect as soon as it has been sanctioned.

REPORTS OF AN EXTRAORDINARY DEVELOPMENT in motor ship construction in Denmark are mentioned in a Reuters message from Copenhagen. The East Asiatic Company, for which the pioneer large motor ship "Selandia" was built in 1912, is now planning its fifth entirely to motor ships. Last year the company owned 13 steamers; now it has 20.

In three of the vessels originally driven by steam the engines have been replaced by motor engines, while the others have been sold as new motor ships became available.

At the beginning of last year the company owned 10 large motor ships, representing a total of 75,000 tons deadweight. During the year it took delivery of five ships of 47,400 tons deadweight. In the summer of this year a motor ship of 10,400 tons deadweight is to be delivered, and next spring another of the same size. The company's programme already provides for the following new motor ships:—Six of 11,800 tons deadweight between September, 1917, and January, 1920. Six of 12,800 tons deadweight between 1918 and 1920. Six of 10,000 tons deadweight between 1918 and 1920. Two of the ships will have 3,500 horse-power, 12 will have 4,000 h.p., and six ships 5,300 h.p.

Other Danish owners are also known to be ordering numbers of motor ships, and, according to the Copenhagen papers, one firm (presumably Messrs. Burmeister and Wain) have received orders for about 50 motor ships, and will thus be fully occupied until the end of 1921.

Economy of fuel, labour, and space are points considered by Scandinavian countries to be in favour of motor engines. The large ships only consume about 10 tons of oil a day, and therefore vessels trading with countries where oil is plentiful, as in the East and on the Pacific Coast of North America, can ship enough oil fuel for a voyage round the world.

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HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

The Police Reserve Orchestra will play at Mount Austin Theatre, The Peak, on Thursday, April 13th, at 8.15 p.m. and on Saturday, April 15th, at 8.15 p.m.

Thursday, April 13th.—Recruits of No. 1 Company, under Chief Inspector Mason and the Sergeant Major.

Friday, April 14th.—Maxim Gunners. Monday, April 17th.—Sections 13 and 14 under Chief Inspector Mason. Also Ambulance Recruits and Maxim Gunners.

RECENTLY PROMOTED N.C.O.'s &c. All Sergeants appointed since January 1st, 1916 will attend in Uniform at the Central Police Station at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, April 14th, and on Tuesday, April 18th, for instruction in words of Command. The A.S.P. (S.) will also attend.

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To-day's Advertisements

PUBLIC AUCTION.

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Hongkong, April 12, 1916.

ROYAL OBSERVATORY. HONGKONG DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

APRIL 12, 1916.—a.m.

Station. Hongkong. Direction of Wind. Force. State of Sky. Temperature. Barometer. Humidity. Dew Point. Wind Velocity.

At 7 a.m. Barometer 30.08. Thermometer 67. Humidity 75. Wind Velocity 10. State of Sky Partly Cloudy.

At 10 a.m. Barometer 30.09. Thermometer 70. Humidity 75. Wind Velocity 10. State of Sky Partly Cloudy.

At 1 p.m. Barometer 30.09. Thermometer 73. Humidity 75. Wind Velocity 10. State of Sky Partly Cloudy.

At 4 p.m. Barometer 30.08. Thermometer 75. Humidity 75. Wind Velocity 10. State of Sky Partly Cloudy.

At 7 p.m. Barometer 30.07. Thermometer 73. Humidity 75. Wind Velocity 10. State of Sky Partly Cloudy.

At 10 p.m. Barometer 30.06. Thermometer 70. Humidity 75. Wind Velocity 10. State of Sky Partly Cloudy.

At 1 a.m. Barometer 30.05. Thermometer 67. Humidity 75. Wind Velocity 10. State of Sky Partly Cloudy.

At 4 a.m. Barometer 30.04. Thermometer 64. Humidity 75. Wind Velocity 10. State of Sky Partly Cloudy.

At 7 a.m. Barometer 30.03. Thermometer 61. Humidity 75. Wind Velocity 10. State of Sky Partly Cloudy.

At 10 a.m. Barometer 30.02. Thermometer 58. Humidity 75. Wind Velocity 10. State of Sky Partly Cloudy.

At 1 p.m. Barometer 30.01. Thermometer 55. Humidity 75. Wind Velocity 10. State of Sky Partly Cloudy.

At 4 p.m. Barometer 30.00. Thermometer 52. Humidity 75. Wind Velocity 10. State of Sky Partly Cloudy.

At 7 p.m. Barometer 29.99. Thermometer 49. Humidity 75. Wind Velocity 10. State of Sky Partly Cloudy.

At 10 p.m. Barometer 29.98. Thermometer 46. Humidity 75. Wind Velocity 10. State of Sky Partly Cloudy.

At 1 a.m. Barometer 29.97. Thermometer 43. Humidity 75. Wind Velocity 10. State of Sky Partly Cloudy.

At 4 a.m. Barometer 29.96. Thermometer 40. Humidity 75. Wind Velocity 10. State of Sky Partly Cloudy.

At 7 a.m. Barometer 29.95. Thermometer 37. Humidity 75. Wind Velocity 10. State of Sky Partly Cloudy.

At 10 a.m. Barometer 29.94. Thermometer 34. Humidity 75. Wind Velocity 10. State of Sky Partly Cloudy.

At 1 p.m. Barometer 29.93. Thermometer 31. Humidity 75. Wind Velocity 10. State of Sky Partly Cloudy.

At 4 p.m. Barometer 29.92. Thermometer 28. Humidity 75. Wind Velocity 10. State of Sky Partly Cloudy.

At 7 p.m. Barometer 29.91. Thermometer 25. Humidity 75. Wind Velocity 10. State of Sky Partly Cloudy.

At 10 p.m. Barometer 29.90. Thermometer 22. Humidity 75. Wind Velocity 10. State of Sky Partly Cloudy.

At 1 a.m. Barometer 29.89. Thermometer 19. Humidity 75. Wind Velocity 10. State of Sky Partly Cloudy.

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Temperature. Hongkong, April 12, 1916.

Barometer 9 a.m. 30.10. Do. 1 p.m. 30.08. Do. 4 p.m. 30.02.

Thermometer 9 a.m. 68. Do. 1 p.m. 70. Do. 4 p.m. 70.

Do. (Wet bulb) 9 a.m. 66. Do. (Wet bulb) 1 p.m. 66. Do. (Wet bulb) 4 p.m. 66.

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

April 11. Tjilatjap, Dutch steamer, 9,900, F.E.C. van Schermbeek, Balikpapan April 5, General.—JAYA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE.

Kirin Maru, Japanese str., 2,730, T. Sasaki, Bombay March 24, General.—N. Y. K.

Takung, British str., 977, Matthews, Haiphong April 7, General.—JAPANESE MERCHANTS & CO., LTD.

Arishu Maru, Japanese steamer, 1,473, Nomura, Nishinohara (Japan), April 6, Coal.—M. R. K.

April 12. Kweichow, British str., 1,320, E. Forsyth, Tientsin April 4, Chercoo, and Weihaiwei 6, General.—BURMA-INDIA & SWAN.

Tong Hong, British steamer, 1,314, F. J. Fryer, Saigon April 8, Rice and General.—BURMA-INDIA & SWAN.

Chien Maru, Japanese str., 1,394, Ito, Chinwangtao April 4, Coal.—Dowling & Co., Ltd.

Glenloch, British steamer, 1,434, A. McKinnis, Singapore April 5, General.—CHINA.

Chenon, British steamer, 1,328, K. E. Thebban, Shanghai April 5, General.—BURMA-INDIA & SWAN.

Tevensia, British steamer, 4,891, H. E. Beale, Yokohama April 29, General.—BURMA-INDIA & SWAN.

Soshu Maru, Japanese str., from Canton.

DEPARTURES.

April 12. Kowloon, for Saigon.

Rugos, for Saigon.

Chi Yuen, for Shanghai.

Hepeng, for Swatow and Bangkok.

CLARED.

Soshu Maru, for Swatow and Takao.

Chipping, for Tientsin and Weihaiwei.

Kirin Maru, for Moji and Kobe.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Tjilatjap, from Balikpapan, Mr. van Ossen.

Per Kweichow, from Tientsin, etc., Col. Campbell, Miss Atkinson.

Per Tientsin, from Yokohama, Mr. Wilson.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The Dutch steamer Tjilatjap from Balikpapan reports: First days, fine weather; last day, rainy with a heavy sea and swell, strong breeze.

PASSENGERS EXPECTED.

Per P. & O. s.s. Kangaroo. From London March 4.—Mr. and Mrs. Stanton, Mr. Black, Capt. and Mrs. Walker.

Per N. Y. K. s.s. Kamo Maru. From London March 11.—To Hongkong, Rev. C. E. Hicks, Mrs. J. A. Tarrant and Miss Arant, Mrs. L. Arant, Mrs. Arantell, To Shanghai, Miss L. E. Anderson, Miss H. L. Blewett, Mrs. E. A. Packman, Miss E. C. McMillan, Miss C. A. M. Kirk, Mrs. Noble, Miss W. Watney, Miss W. Burdison, Miss B. N. Lago, Miss A. Hoare, Miss G. Fisher, Mrs. and Mr. W. R. Brown and 2 children, Miss S. Harvey.

Per P. & O. s.s. Kermela. From London March 19.—To Hongkong, Rev. and Mrs. Sanders, Mr. G. C. Oswald, Miss Aiken, Mr. and Mrs. Holland and children, Col. R. Campbell, Miss Atkinson. To Shanghai, Miss Holland, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Miss Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Standing and 2 children, Mrs. D. and Master Clark, Mrs. A. Holgate, Miss Golding.

Other Vessels.

The Indo-China S. N. Co., Ltd.'s s.s. Yutshing left Calcutta on the 30th March, due here on the 16th April.

The Oriental African Line steamer Solomoni left Mauritius on the 28th March, and is due to arrive at Hongkong on the 18th April.

The Royal Mail S. P. Co.'s s.s. Monmouthshire left Middlesbrough, due here on the 19th April.

The Royal Mail S. P. Co.'s s.s. Curlew left Newcastle from England, due here at the end of May.

Latest Arrivals.

The P. & O. s.s. Peruvia which sailed from San Francisco on the 15th March, is expected to arrive at this port via Honolulu, Japan Ports and Shanghai on Friday, the 14th April, at about 6 a.m.

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HONGKONG TIDES.

The tide-table given below has been compiled at the Nautical Almanac Office in London from the result of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Victoria Pier during the year 1897-98.

The zero of the tide corresponds with the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty Charts, which has been found to be 4 feet 6 inches below mean sea level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Pier add 4 feet 6 inches, and on the gauge at Lamoo Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet 6 inches to the height given in the table.

WEATHER REPORT.

On the 12th at 11.45.—An anticyclone is central between the Bonins and S. Japan, and a depression to the north-east of Hokkaido.

Pressure has decreased moderately along the east coast of China. It is nearly stationary in southern districts.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on April 13th:—

1.—Hongkong to Cap Rock: E. winds, moderate, fair.

2.—Formosa Channel: N.E. or variable winds, fresh.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamoo: The same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: The same as No. 1.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

The Mail dispatched from London via Suez for Hongkong on the 26th February, 1916, was lost in the Sinking of the Maloja.

The Services to Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

Correspondence addressed to enemy subjects in China, Siam, Persia and Morocco cannot be transmitted.

Ships in communication with Cape D'Aguilar Radio Telegraph Station:—

Inland Mails.

Shanghai, China, 12th April.

Europe (English Mail), Namur, 14th April.

Europe (London 15th Mar., via Siberia), Anker, 14th April.

Mails will close for:—

SWATOW, AMOY, FORMOSA via TAKAO.

Per Soshu Maru, at 8 a.m., on Thursday, the 13th April.

AMOY.

Per Haiman, at 11 a.m., on Thursday, the 13th April.

SWATOW & BANGKOK.

Per Quarta, at 11 a.m., on Thursday, the 13th April.

HOIHOW & HAIPHONG.

Per Hongkong, at 11 a.m., on Thursday, the 13th April.

BANGKOK.

Per Dagh, at 11 a.m., on Thursday, the 13th April.

STRAITS.

Per Wollum, at 2 p.m., on Thursday, the 13th April.

SHANGHAI & NORTH CHINA.

(Europe via Siberia).

Per Skunkov, Registration at 2.15 p.m. Letters at 3 p.m., on Thursday, the 13th April.

Shanghai Brit. P.O., Monday, 17th April.

JAPAN via NAGASAKI.

Per As Maru, at 9 a.m., on Friday, the 14th April.

PAKHOI & HAIPHONG.

Per Hongkong, at 10 a.m., on Friday, the 14th April.

SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW.

Per Hai Hong, at 1 p.m., on Friday, the 14th April.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA & NEW GUINEA via THURSDAY ISLAND.

Per Nippon Maru, Registration at 2.15 p.m. Letters at 3 p.m., on Friday, the 14th April.

SHANGHAI, NORTH CHINA & JAPAN via MOJI.

(Europe via Siberia).

Per Nippon, at 9 a.m., on Saturday, the 15th April.

SHANGHAI, NORTH CHINA, JAPAN via MOJI, VICTORIA, SEATTLE & UNITED KINGDOM via CANADA.

SHARE REPORT.

APRIL 12th, 1916.

Stock and paid up Value. Official Quotations 11.30 A.M. Last Dividend and Date. Return based on last year's div.

BANKS.

Hongkong & Shanghai \$125 \$700 sa. & s. Div. 24.6 and bonus 5/- for 1915 61 p.c.

MARINE INSURANCES.

Cantons \$80 \$425 b. \$4 final a/c 1915, \$18 Interim a/c 1914 6 p.c.

North China \$23 T. 130 25 % a/c 1914 5 1/2 p.c.

Unions \$100 \$905 sa. Final of \$20 and bonus \$5 a/c 1915, Interim of \$30 a/c 1914 7 p.c.

Yangtze \$80 \$300 b. Final of \$15 making \$18 for 1915 and int. of \$3 on account 1914 7 1/2 p.c.

China Fire \$20 \$157 \$7 and bonus \$2 for 1915-14, \$27 for 1914 6 1/2 p.c.

Hongkong Fire \$50 \$393 b. \$7 and bonus \$2 for 1915-14, \$27 for 1914 6 1/2 p.c.

SHIPPING.

Douglas Steamships 50 \$1354 b. \$5 int for 1915/1916 \$1 for 1915 8 p.c.

Steamboats 15 \$23 sa. \$1 for 1915 5 p.c.

Indo-China (Combined) \$10 \$131 (Preferred) \$51 sa. (Deferred) \$129 1/2 sa. Int. 3/- for 1915 on preferred shares, Int. 3/- for 1915 on deferred shares, Coupon (No. 24) 7/- a/c 1914 4 p.c.

Shell Transports 21 \$6/6 sa. \$1.50 dividend 40 cents Bonus for year ending 30.4.15 7 1/2 p.c.

"Star Ferry" \$19 \$41 sa. \$12 for 1915 5 1/2 p.c.

REFINERIES.

China Sugars \$100 \$1204 sa. \$12 for 1915 6 p.c.

Luxon Sugars \$100 \$35 sa. \$5 for 1915 4 p.c.

MINING.

Kailans \$21 \$5 sa. 2/- a/c 1915, Coupons Nos. 5 & 6 Tls. 1 for 1915 4 p.c.

Langkats \$10 T. 35 b. 2/- a/c 1915 4 p.c.

Rams \$21 \$40 sa. 1/- interim 1915 4 p.c.

Tronch Mines \$21 \$40 sa. 1/- interim 1915 4 p.c.

Ural Caspian \$21 \$40 sa. 1/- interim 1915 4 p.c.

DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.

Kowloon Wharves \$50 \$804 b. \$3 1/2 for 1915 4 1/2 p.c.

H.K. & Whampoa Docks \$50 \$128 sa. \$5 dividend year ending 31.12.15 4 1/2 p.c.

Shanghai Docks T. 100 T. 82 sa. Tls. 3 for year ending 30.4.15 5 1/2 p.c.

Hongkong Wharves T. 100 T. 90 Tls. 3 for 1915 5 1/2 p.c.

HOTELS, LANDS AND BUILDINGS.

Hongkong Hotels \$50 \$113 \$5 for year 31.12.15 8 p.c.

Central Estates \$100 \$99 sa. \$7 for 1915 8 p.c.

Hongkong Lands \$100 \$103 b. \$7 1/2 a/c 1915 8 p.c.

Humphreys Estates \$10 \$6.85 b. 35 cents for 1915 6 p.c.

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